Korff Fund For Nixon Is in Debt

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Rabbi Baruch Korff says his fund to pay former President Nixon's legal fees is $99,428 in the red with more bills expected.

A source close to Mr. Nixon in San Clemente said that in the face of mounting hospital and legal costs, Korff's President Nixon Justice Fund will provide "essential assistance" for Mr. Nixon to pay his bills. "His entire fnances could be substantially wiped out in a year," the San Clemente source said.

Korff said the fund had $9,325 on hand as of last Saturday. He said it owes $77,753 in fees to the firm of Mr. Nixon's lawyer, Herbert J. Miller, plus a $31,000 loan to another Korff-organized defense committee for Mr. Nixon.

Korff said he has been told the fund will be billed for another $221,000 in legal fees for Mr. Nixon.

He refused to say whether that estimate came from Mr. Nixon's staff in San Clemente or from his lawyers in Washington. He said he had no details on what specific legal work the additional bills would be for.

Korff said the $77,753 bill plus $30,000 already paid to Miller's law firm includes legal work for suits surrounding the challenged Sept. 7 agreement on Mr. Nixon's White House tapes and papers plus a number of subpoenas served on Mr. Nixon.

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The fund paid for Mr. Nixon's suit seeking to have the tapes and papers shipped to storage near San Clemente, Korff said. He said 23 individuals and organizations are suing Mr. Nixon and the government to nullify the agreement that would give Mr. Nixon eventual control over the tapes and papers.